

REMARKS

Claims 10, 14 and 16-18 are pending. Claims 10, 14 and 16 are allowed. By this Amendment, Claims 1-2, 5-9 and 13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 17-18 are added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented.

Claims 10, 14 and 16 Allowed & Claims 17-18 Allowable

Applicant respectfully acknowledges and appreciates the indication by the Examiner that Claims 10, 14 and 16 are allowed.

Applicant further submits that since new dependent Claims 17-18 depend from allowed Claim 14, Claims 17-18 should also be deemed allowable for at least the same reason(s) Claim 14 is allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11-017056 to Naoyuki et al. Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/136578 to Kishimoto et al.

Although Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, since Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 13 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kishimoto et al. in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (Fig. 1). Claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naoyuki et al. in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (Fig. 1).

Although Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, since Claims 5-9 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 10, 14 and 16-18, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to **attorney docket number 107156.00215**.

Respectfully submitted,



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